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SUBJECT: RE-EXPORT OF JAPANESE STEEL PIPE TO US

1. REQUEST ASSISTANCE IN ANSWERING INQUIRY OF SINGAPORE-BASED SUBSIDIARY OF VETCO OFFSHORE INC. OF VENTURA, CALIFORNIA. VETCO IS A MANUFACTURER OF SUB-SEA DRILLING SYSTEMS FOR THE OIL INDUSTRY. ITS SINGAPORE FACILITY HAS BEEN UTILIZING STEEL PIPE (20 INCH DIAMETER, .438 WALL THICKNESS, X-56 MATERIAL, TYPE-ERW, 40 FOOT LENGTHS) PUR-CHASED FROM SUMITOMO. VETCO'S CALIFORNIA FACILITY HAS INQUIRED ABOUT OBTAINING PIPE FROM ITS SINGAPORE SUBSIDIARY'S INVENTORY. BOTH VETCO AND ITS JAPANESE SUPPLIER ARE CONCERNED ABOUT U.S. GOVERNMENT ATTITUDES AND REGULATIONS STEMMING FROM RECENT ACCUSATIONS OF DUMPING WHICH MIGHT HAVE AN EFFECT ON THEIR PLANT TO HAVE THE CALIFORNIA PLANT OBTAIN PIPE STOCK FROM PERIODIC EXCESS STOCK WHICH MIGHT EXIST AT THEIR SINGAPORE FACILITY.

2. WE WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY REPLY. HOLDRIDGE

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